



"If you would know the wealth of the peninsula, look about you."

This is a translation of the words, "Si Queris Peninsulam Amoenam, Circumspice," engraved below the shield on the great seal of the State of Michigan. Did YOU know that?

Michigan has ever been a wealthy state. When it was still a territory the two peninsulas were rich in natural resources. Everywhere wealth could be seen. There were the great black forests, the magnificent waterways, and the vast areas of fertile lands awaiting but the plow of the husbandman.

Then, to know Michigan's wealth, it was only necessary to "look about you."

The treasures of that day have been TRANSFORMED into USEFUL WEALTH by the tilling of the soil of many rich farms, the operation of mines, the building of factories and railroads.

The Protective policy of the REPUBLICAN PARTY has made this transformation of wealth possible. The protection afforded the farmer and the industries has kept the proud boast on the great seal.

The aggregate wealth of the state today must be figured in billions. The assessed valuation, only a portion of the total actual wealth of the state, is nearly TWO BILLION DOLLARS.

Now, it has never YET been necessary to change Michigan's motto. But ONCE in 50 years did it seem PROBABLE the words would turn to empty jest. That was in the days of 1892-1896 under the tariff policy of the Democratic party.

During the brief period following the rise of the Democrats to power in national affairs, Prosperity was working on half time at about half pay. The value of farm property alone in Michigan dropped over FORTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. No trifling sum.

But the people soon returned the Republican party to power. What effect did Protection have on farm values?

According to the U. S. census of 1910, the value of ALL Michigan farm property increased, under Protection, in ten years FOUR HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.

That's an increase of 57.7 per cent.

Due to other causes, you may say.

Strange, is it not, that farm property values in this state should DROP from approximately \$648,000,000 in 1890 to \$603,000,000 immediately after the passage of the Democratic tariff? Then, is it not peculiar that, with the REPEAL of the measure, values should begin a STEADY RISE, increasing \$86,000,000 in six years and \$400,000,000 in the following ten years?

SI QUÆRIS PENINSULAM AMOENAM, CIRCUMSPICE?

REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE,

A. J. Groesbeck, Chairman.

And there were 2,842 MORE farms MORTGAGED in the Democratic year of 1894 than in the Republican year of 1910.

Again seeking power, the Democratic party NOW offers you the SAME tariff policy it offered THEN. The tariff plank of the Democratic platform of 1892 has been nailed to the platform of 1912. It declares for a free trade policy which YOU know closed Michigan factories, threw toilers out of employment and mortgaged Michigan farms.

When the FARMER is rich, the NATION is rich. Providence determines the SIZE of the crop, of course, but only the best economic conditions in the industrial world can possibly make farm produce VALUABLE. It is the protected worker's demand and his ABILITY TO PAY for the necessities of life that make the crops worth harvesting.

And the farmer in Michigan IS prosperous.

In 1909—the last census report available—his corn crop was worth nearly thirty million dollars; hay, thirty-six millions; oats, eighteen millions; wheat, sixteen millions, and rye, four million dollars.

Read those figures over again. They are astounding.

The average value of farm land in this state, per acre, has increased \$8.36 in the past decade.

How closely the entire industrial life of the state responds to the changes in the welfare of the farmer is shown by the fact that now, under Republican rule, there are 7,000 MORE FACTORIES in Michigan, employing a QUARTER MILLION MORE PEOPLE at a 40 per cent HIGHER WAGE than in 1894.

These figures give some idea of the wealth YOU may see by simply "looking around." Are YOU going to DISTURB this prosperity? Place Michigan's wealth in JEOPARDY? Do YOU want to take the chance?

Would YOU vote deliberately to return to the conditions of 1896?

Or will you vote the Republican ticket and LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE?

Would you conserve and protect the wealth of the great state of Michigan you see all around you—the wealth that is represented, not alone in granaries and factories and mines and storehouses, but the wealth portrayed in the happy countenance of the children of well-paid workers and the wealth represented in comfortable homes and contented families?

Or would you strike from the great seal of the State of Michigan the words emblazoned there for three-quarters of a century:



## Keeps Your Stove "Always Ready for Company"

A bright, clean, glossy stove is the joy and pride of every housekeeper. But it is hard to keep a stove nice and shiny—unless Black Silk Stove Polish is used.

Here is the reason: Black Silk Stove Polish sticks right to the iron. It doesn't rub off or dust off. Its shine lasts four times longer than the shine of any other polish. You only need to polish one-fourth as often, yet your stove will be cleaner, brighter and better looking than it has been since you first bought it. Use

## BLACK SILK STOVE POLISH

on your parlor stove, kitchen stove or gas stove. Get a can from your hardware or stove dealer. If you do not find it better than any other stove polish you have ever used before, your dealer is authorized to refund your money. But we feel sure you will agree with the thousands of other up-to-date women who are now using Black Silk Stove Polish and who say it is the "best stove polish ever made."

## LIQUID OR PASTE ONE QUALITY

Be sure to get the genuine. Black Silk Stove Polish costs you no more than the ordinary kind. Keep your grates, registers, fenders and stove pipes bright and free from rusting by using BLACK SILK AIR-DRYING ENAMEL. Brush free with each can of enamel only. Use BLACK SILK METAL POLISH for silverware, nickel, tinware or brass. It works quickly, easily, and leaves a brilliant surface. It has no equal for use on automobiles.

Black Silk Stove Polish Works STERLING, ILLINOIS



### Unfortunate Situation.

Willesden Magistrate (to a woman who complained that her husband would not work): "You cannot make a man work if he is determined not to do so. There are so many wives willing to work in these days to keep their husbands that the wives who will not do so are apt to become unpopular." —London Mail.

## 200 DAYS EACH YEAR

YOU HAVE TO GO INTO A SILO ONCE OR TWICE EACH DAY LOOK UP THE KALAMAZOO SILO DOOR FRAME OF GALVANIZED STRUCTURAL STEEL GIVING BUYER CONTINUOUS OPENING THE MALLEABLE LATCHES SEALING THE DOOR AIR TIGHT AND AT THE SAME TIME FORMING THE RUNGS TO SAFE LADDER IS INCH STEPS DOORS INTERCHANGEABLE BUILD OF EITHER OF 7 KINDS OF WOOD IS ACCEPTED AND USED BY MANY STAVE CEMENT STONE OR BRICK SILO MFRS STANDARD SHIPPED READY TO USE EXAMINE KALAMAZOO TANK & CO. KALAMAZOO, MICH. U.S.A.

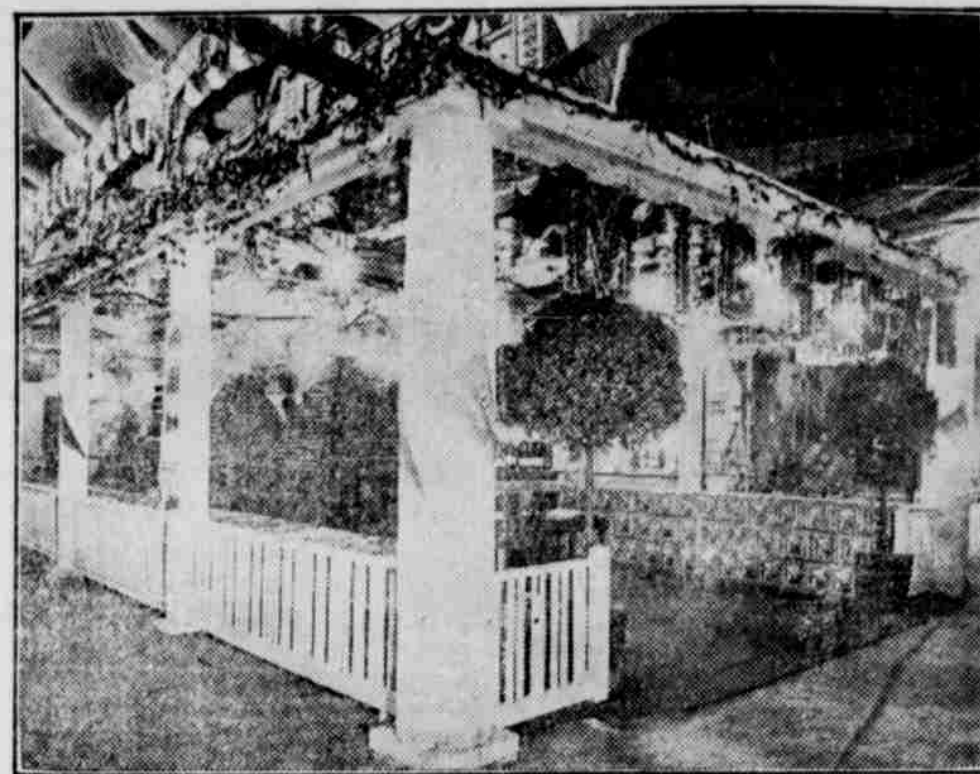
## GOVT. FRUIT EXPERT TO ORGANIZE ORCHARDISTS

Will Be at Apple Show to Organize Michigan Fruit Growers into a Marketing Association.

When the fruit growers of Michigan get together at the second annual Michigan Land and Apple show to be held in Grand Rapids November 12 to 16 inclusive, they will meet with a representative

themselves for such a purpose. These associations have proved highly successful, but all are of the opinion that a state association would be much more beneficial than local associations.

It is the plan of the leading growers in organizing such an association to have all fruit inspected by a government inspector before it is placed on the market. By paying small dues to such an association each year, the growers would



This Beautiful and Artistic Showing of Michigan Apples at the Chicago Land Show in 1909 was an Eye-Opener to the Many Thousands of Western Fruit Growers Who Were There.

tative of the Department of Agriculture who will come here from Washington, D. C., to represent the national department for the purpose of forming a Michigan Fruit Growers Marketing Association.

The need of such an association has been demonstrated to the fruit growers of the state in several seasons past, and in some sections growers have associ-

be assured a competent inspection of their fruit, which would mean a better market and higher prices.

The state association will in no way conflict with the local organizations, as they will be associated with the larger association. A uniform system of packing, wrapping and labeling the Michigan product, a higher standard of fruit and better prices, is the end in view.

## W. J. BARNARD

WILL SPEAK ON THE

DYCKMAN HOUSE CORNER

Saturday, November 2

on the political issues of the day. Come and hear Mr. Barnard, as he will give you a good, sound logical talk.

## FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE

Put a cross (x) in the square ☐ in front of the name of

☒ WILLIAM J. BARNARD

### REASONS WHY

He stands for a square deal. He has always stood for the people and opposed to graft.

By his effort the county officers were placed on a salary and taxpayers saved \$5,000 per year by doing away with the fee system in the Sheriff's office ALONE.

This office should be held by some one other than the Justice of the Peace.

By his efforts he saved the taxpayers of Paw Paw \$3,200 in defeating the suit brought against the village for damages by Mr. Thomas. It is the duty of the voters regardless of party to stand by a man who for years has opposed the ring at Paw Paw and by so doing reduced the extravagant expenditure of money in conducting the business of the county.

If elected, he is legally qualified for the position, and you are insured of an economical administration and a square deal.

There will be no favorites. All persons will be treated the same, rich and poor alike.

He is the one candidate who is legally qualified for the position.

Judge Mills says: "This office should be filled by an able lawyer."

Judge Failing says: "This office must be filled by an able lawyer in order to prevent complications in real estate titles in years to come."

See what eminent Judges say about Mr. Barnard.

Judge Tuttle: "He has tried cases in my court and is a man of exceptional legal ability, an able advocate and has a profound knowledge of law."

Judge Sargent: "He has tried cases in my court and I consider him one of the ablest trial lawyers I have met in recent years. He was fair, frank and honest with the court on all legal questions."

Judge Cross: "I have known him for fifteen years and know him to be an able, honest and industrious lawyer and I take great pleasure in recommending him."

Congressman Hamilton says: "He is a man of exceptional ability, a fair fighter, and eminently qualified for the position to which he aspires."

Judge Carr says: "I regard Mr. Barnard as a very able and well read lawyer. His practice before me was dignified and honest."

Judge Yapple says: "In the trial of cases in my court Mr. Barnard's work has been able and conscientious."

Judge Coolidge says: "Mr. Barnard has tried a number of cases in my court and I deem him an able and successful attorney. His practice before me has been dignified and ethical."

With such endorsements as the foregoing coming from eminent members of the bench who years have watched the record and work of Mr. Barnard, the people of Van Buren County, regardless of party, should be satisfied of his qualifications for this important office and bring him their support.

### SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY.

Monday, Oct. 28 was Mrs. James Phillips' birthday and a number of her friends surprised her in the evening. Many tokens of friendship were received by her. Refreshments were served. Miss Lulu Sherman presented a birthday cake, decorated with the fruit.

Very few carry their years as easily and gracefully as Mrs. Phillips. May she live to enjoy many more birthdays in the company of her many friends.

### STARS WILL MEET.

The County Association Order of Eastern Star meets in Bloomingdale November 14. Several of the grand officers will be present and an exceptionally good musical program has been prepared. Let everyone go who can. Be sure and send in your name to the secretary as soon as you have decided to go so that Bloomingdale Chapter may be amply prepared for all. Watch for program next week.

### A JOLLY PARTY.

A happy party of youngsters were the guests of little Mortimer Snow last Saturday evening, to help him celebrate his fifth birthday. The jack-o-lanterns looked happy too, as every-one of them were smiling and the children, who are members of the Christian Science Sunday school besides a few others enjoyed the treat.

The beautiful birthday cake that you ever saw was also good to eat, and Mrs. Snow and Frieda helped to make the occasion one to be remembered, always. Such pretty presents and so many bright faces are sure to make a little boy happy, and besides all this Mortimer had a pocket full of money given him that jingled ever so merrily. May he celebrate every year for many years is our wish for him.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA